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Let him thanking his stars chose a wife  
To whom honor and virtue are given

(1)

She started to the windward and run for about  
on here Before we could get fast when we  
fastened we were as much as four miles from the  
Ship we got to the windward of her one Boat  
on each side and we drove him down within  
half of a mile of the Ship Before he Died If he  
Shaved a little we would run along and throw  
our lance into him and prick him a little and  
he would head off again Just as we wanted him  
I never saw the like Before or any. Boddy else I believe

Its good weather as ever was those two days since  
the gale  
a fine time

Sund  
18<sup>th</sup>

15<sup>th</sup>

The Old Dawn has got still enough so that I can sleep  
to wright again But we have had the Devils own  
time since Saturday and It is very bad yet Last Friday we  
took another very large Whale we calculated she would  
make 100 lbs we took her early in the morning there was  
another in sight at the same time about four miles off  
we took this along side and went to cutting in Directly  
there was three of them come up about a mile off they  
all wanted to lower but the old man would not let them  
they stayed round us till about four o'clock in the afternoon we  
had got all cut in But the head and he told them they  
might lower two Boats and he would let the head lie till  
morning. But they did not fasten so it took us till 2 oc  
next Day to get the head cut in what we should have  
done the night before if they had not lowered there was  
three or four more blowing all around us the next  
Day but we did not lower for the weather began to  
look rather Dirty although it was very good then It was  
our first week Below that night at 12 oc all hands



6  
But honor and truth are so rare  
And comes with our pleasure so mingled.

was cold Blowing a tremendous Gale of wind we had  
them about 120 lbs of Boiled oil 18 lbs row Case  
that we Boiled out of the Head 10 four barrel Cask of  
Lunk 30 Barrels of Water 50 new Heads Just Drove together loose  
on deck about as many more in cask and about  
100 barrels empty cask all this was on deck and about  
20 Barrels Blubber in the Chub room we went to  
work as soon as we got on Deck to try and get some  
of our oil Down the main hatch we had got Down  
about 25 Barrels and had a large five Barrel Cask  
To the hatch with a chock Behind it and a man holding  
on to it the ~~first~~ fetched a heavy Surge and overboard  
it went men and all together If it had been a Dark  
night we should have lost him but as it happened it  
was a full moon although it was all overcast but we  
managed to get a rope too him so that we saved him  
we gave up stowing Down and had to lash some  
of them on Deck but the cask was flying around Deck  
Strongly we got Badly Bruised some of us  
It Blowed away our Foresail Fore topmast Stay sail  
and mizen stay sail our main top soil we made  
out to get in - we lost about 50 Barrels of oil off  
Deck Stove one of our Boats on the cranes could not  
take her In and stove in most all our Bulworks  
had to keep one pump going all Day Sunday could  
hardly keep her free

16th We have Been off Chasing a large Whale all the after-  
noon But he was going to fast for us I stayed on  
Board to repair the Boat that got Stove in the  
last gale Its almost Calm to Day But a  
Dreadful swell our old Scrap Box rolls almost  
over sometimes our Boat Stew has cut his hand  
very Bad



Deep in Darkness that Drop we coll money was led  
A Reef that the use out to us was forbid (3)

27<sup>th</sup> Day before yesterday we saw a very large school of  
Whale of some hundreds we lowered our boats but  
it was almost sun set and they were very  
wild so we only got one makes 25 lbs  
we had ought to have got 3 but Lines part  
and Irons drew so we lost them  
they are now Bowling out there She Blows  
and we are running for them with all sail  
set about four O'Clock I expect every moment  
it will be slowed by the boats there is not  
enough here if they was not so wild and a  
little less current

28<sup>th</sup> Just as I expected yesterday we lowered about four  
O'Clock but they were too nimble for us we chased them  
about two hours Mr. Tidworth was close to them  
I am sure he looks within about three boats  
length for about half an hour but could get  
no nearer we have seen whale to day to the  
Southward but did not get nigh enough to blow  
29<sup>th</sup> I am afraid we are going to have another Blank in  
the fishing time we have not seen any since the  
28<sup>th</sup> we are now looking out for Com again Strong  
Sharks Island I expect we shall be up with it  
to morrow the current is not so strong here as it has  
been we had another pig to day

30<sup>th</sup> We have got out of the latitude of the whale I  
believe we have not seen any these five days we  
steamed down our last whale yesterday and shifted  
our course for Japan again we went about  
1500 lbs more which is a damned long seasons  
work we have down twenty five Pigs  
yesterday makes us about seven hundred on fifty  
we caught a number of fish today but did not get



68  
We are Jewish odd fellows in a Jewish odd way  
Since Bible as Bible can turn the Devil to pay

Can't say strong traders or hands employed in  
making and taking in sail stowed by  
your tops and sheets Buntlines and  
Clewlines all Day and I expect all night  
by the looks we have sent Down top Gallant  
yards the first time since we left Wahoo  
the hardest Squall I have seen in a great  
while Our Ship is all down on one side  
and its the wrong side so that we cant carry  
much sail any more

they had a roast pig in the cabin to Day  
while we poor rough tars had to feast  
on old Lunk

81  
I suppose there is High Times in town to  
Day town meeting But it is not much  
if it is such weather as we have here  
there two or three Days last night was  
the darkest I ever saw and we had  
some of the hardest Squalls of wind  
and rain it looks ugly enough to  
night we are in a place that is but  
little known and Islands all around us  
we could not see half the length of the  
Jib Boom last night But the Sea whenever  
it broke look'd just like a sheet of fire  
we had a Baked Pig to Day in the  
Sterage which was the best meal I had  
ate since I left N.Y. tomorrow they are  
going to have one on the forecath but  
a small Pig amongst all of them will  
be but a bite We have been hurrying  
Down ever since then after noon sailing and  
Down



The Devil of Policy makes Damnable Rout 6

Though the Devil a bit can they tell what about

11<sup>th</sup> Well we made land again yesterday the Caroline Islands there is Seven of them Close together we went on Shore to one of them and got two Boat load of wood and Coco Nuts we found a hut almost new and a Canoe on the Island but saw no Inhabitants at all at night we stood off till one O and then took Ship and stood toward the land again we made it again today and ran Close In to It But It was Inhabited So we did not land the natives were almost Scared to Death they all cleared out into the woods where they stay till we got pretty well clear we could see them with our spy glasses we have heavy Squally weather all the time and no fish

July 13<sup>th</sup> The weather is not quite so squally as it has been but very fresh trade so rugged that we keep no look out of the mast heads now we have Squared our yards some at 12 O and keep her off O. W. we have got about six Hundred miles to go to fetch Guam an Island Inhabited by Spanish and Portuguese where we shall stop two or three weeks and recruit and then steer for Soppa where we have got a heavy seasons work to do or not get full the old man keeps me skinshaving most all the time he will get pretty well furnished by the time he gets home

July 20<sup>th</sup> Well here we are at anchor again we made the Island of Guam yesterday morning at three O we were at anchor in a very snug harbor But the town is small we have stop here on account of watering as it an excellent place we shall stop here about three Days and then proceed to the main Settlement about thirty miles further It is a very ragged looking Country but the Inhabitants appear very friendly there is two American vessels and one



May Satan seize those who by purchase Deceive  
May they take the same Road who such things receive

English. in here the Mary Michel and May Flower  
of Nantucket I am mistaken the May Flower is from  
Timoth and the Sires of London I have Just been  
on shore the old man bought some yams and a ~~small~~  
saddle of venison for dinner there is Deer in abundance  
in the mountain we are rather too soon for the  
Oranges there will be any quantity of them in <sup>three</sup>  
or four weeks we can get Auger Drent for <sup>two</sup> ~~four~~  
Shillings per Bottle (Le Wine Bottle)

May 7<sup>th</sup> Well after having got through with all manner of  
Serpents and frolicks we have again got to Sea  
and I am very glad for if I had staid much longer  
I believe we should all have died its a poison  
hole as ever I saw we have got no refreshments  
at all there has been so many shephers they have  
got all the yams and the potatoes the old man  
~~there~~ he wont keep so he did not get enough  
for us to eat while we were in port  
we had one day and nights liberty on shore  
all of us lived very well while we was  
on shore — I wanted to be on shore  
of a Sunday but I could not its a great day  
with them for gambling Cock fighting is the chief  
game the priests is at the head of it they have  
goats to pin on the legs of the cocks that are  
to fight now something like a pen knife  
Blade if one hits the other its sure death  
the Religion is Roman and the greatest  
Prostitute is the most Pious we stop't only  
if two days at the first harbor where we  
anchored for we found our sheathing worn  
the leather was all eat up with the worms



But may we preserve honest men though they are few  
Expect all the rest give the Devil his Due

So we concluded to get up neyher the main  
tower and take it off and get Boards an put  
on more So we come round within about  
ten miles of the town and anchored again  
in a very snug harbor went to town an  
got some Boards Broke out the ship and hebd  
her down but the boards were so bad that we  
could not use them we took of a few on  
the bow and put on some boat Boards I expect  
she will go down with us before we come off  
Soppo. If not we shall have a three months life to  
repair when we get to waker

we might have got some potatoes and oranges  
Limes &c ourselves but the Capt Tarbood the (ie)  
forbid our Boats coming along side

we started for Soppo last night at four oc

8<sup>th</sup> we made the Island of Timan and another smoke  
Island this morning and this afternoon we have  
been chasing a large school of Whale all the after-  
noon going fast about as fast as we go. its a  
D - D show but we will pay them for it yet

Sun 10 yesterday we were chasing whale again all the  
afternoon the same luck as we had Day before  
but we will come across some by and by that is  
not so wild I hope 1200 lbs we must have this  
Season whether or no

we have kild a pig to Day so if we had any  
Sauce we might have one more good dinner  
but tis as tis and cant be no tiser our course is  
N. N. E. with a fair wind and full sail  
breeze so we shall soon be on Soppo. it has  
been rather squally last night and to Day



Now tell me of of glories surely adorning  
The close of <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ Day the calm eve of our night

12<sup>th</sup> Fine weather but no fish those two or three Days  
yesterday we were in sight of Volcano Grande  
or we should call it the Great volcano we  
could see with our glass what we suppose to be  
the Crater and no doubt it was nearly on the top  
of the mountain we have altered our course to  
Day at 12 o'clock to N W by N so as to have a view  
of the Sulphur Islands which be about three  
Degrees from us

Ma  
While we were in Port one of the men we got  
in Mahoe ran away a colored man or Darke  
he formerly belong'd to Easthampton from there  
he was sold to ~~off~~ a man on Oysterponds where  
he stayed his time out Our old man went  
to the Governor he looked him up and  
put him in the Colaboofa the same as our  
Prison and kept him there till we came away  
and every morning they gave him twenty five  
lashes he took the old mans fiddle and two  
or three pair of trousers from some of the  
crew when he went away

17<sup>th</sup> and about as rainy as ever now it has poured down  
Constantly all day we are right between two of  
the sulphur Islands one of them we saw when  
we were along this way last year they say  
its a fine place for wharves but we have  
been here three or four Days and have got  
nowe yet we have lowered three times after  
Sun set but did not catch any I dont know  
when we shall if it holds such weather



Give me back give me back the wild freshness of morning  
Her clouds and her tears are worth evenings best light

9

21<sup>st</sup> Well we have got too. Coffins Island again and have just  
come from on shore had very good luck indeed we  
caught nine green turtle four of them we Judge will  
weigh 300 Weight ~~up~~ Each it was as <sup>much as</sup> four of  
us could doo to lift one at a time into the Boat  
the other five was smaller but one would think  
they were monsters they are dressing one now on deck now  
they have taken 180 Eggs out of <sup>him</sup> Mr Hildreth has gone  
now with his Boat I Expect he will get as many more  
we lost three large ones but we had a pretty good Boat  
load — no whale yet we see them every day but not  
the right kind and our ship leaks dreadfully I am afraid  
when we come to get her landed down a little if that  
ever is we shall have to go into port somewhere and  
repair N.B. there was 180 Eggs with shells on  
and above ~~five~~ hundred altogether that is fit to cook  
almost a bushel at any rate its a damned squad of them  
I believe the old man dont calculate to get any more  
whale for we dont doo any thing but look for Island  
and have not done much else the voyage

22<sup>nd</sup>

Mr Hildreth Come off yesterday without any thing so we  
made sail at four oc for another Island where the ship  
was cast away about twelve months since with  
about 100 lbs of oil and got in sight of the Island  
before night we have the ship too and this morning  
went to make discoveries we found a very good harbour  
but could see nothing of the wreck we got six  
turtle that loaded the Boat we did not want any  
more as we might have got a hundred of them  
that would sell for 50¢ each in N.Y. Mr Hildreth  
has gone again this afternoon to get sand we shall be off  
somewhere to night but where I dont know



The Auld will speak the young man hear  
Be cany but be good and deal

Sun 24<sup>th</sup>

no whale except finbacks we see a plenty of them every  
day its really hard luck out almost 10 months with  
Seven hundred Barrels but it cant be helpt  
the weather looks very ugly I expect we are going  
to have a heavy blow the weather is generally very  
bad here early in the season — we are now on  
Sappan again and in variable winds we have  
been six months on the line where the wind  
blows all the time one way It seems very strange  
now to have it shifting about — we have plenty  
of fresh new live on eggs most altogether our  
Hilberts Boat got about two thousand when they  
went after Sam

28<sup>th</sup>

the 28<sup>th</sup> of may has come again and puts another year  
on my head I hope I shont see many more in this  
part of Gods vineyard we have got heavy rugged weather  
to day and stormy this afternoon sent down fore and  
mizen to gallant masts the first time this voyage  
I dont expect we shall send them up again till  
we go off Sappan there was whole blowing to the  
wardenway just now but it is very rugged I guess  
we shont try then have plenty of Turtle now and it  
its very good when it is cookt any how

Sun 31<sup>st</sup>

and no whale yet Friday we fell in with the Elizabeth  
of London 21 months out with 13 hundred Barrels  
She used to be an Eighteen gun Brig in time of the war  
Carries 3300 lbs She has put her chief mate on board  
of the Crayton as master The Crayton was above 20 months  
out when she went in too the Marquesas Isles  
the Capt had drunk very hard they run in there  
and come to anchor the Capt went Below and  
fetched up all the papers and all hands left



Your aim I'll ay have heart to bear  
another's ay have heart to feel

(11)

gave up the papers told the mate to take the ship and  
go where they pleased with her if the natives did  
not come of our take them he said he was going  
to leave her and he jumped in the boat and went  
ashore the last they saw of him they saw the natives  
assemble on the beach shortly after they expected the  
Capt. had sent them to take the ship so they loaded  
their guns they had 6 or seven cannon on board and  
fired into them and up anchor and went too  
Wahoo went to the Consul ~~for him~~ to know what  
to do he told the mate he had better take charge of  
her and try to fill her up they come out on Loppoon  
and the mate took to drinking they spent the  
whole season on Loppoon and never got on shore  
they went to Wahoo again and the Elizabeth happened  
to be there the Consul sent for the Capt of the  
Elizabeth and they turned this Capt or mate out  
and put in the mate of the E. as master  
we have been on Board of the E. two or three  
times to day the old man has been trading a keg of  
Tobacco for slops with them we gave them three of our  
furts and they gave us a hog and some ground  
meats which are as large as my two fists  
we are both going to the North and West but their  
ship will not sail ours the weather looks very bad  
all hands cold last night at one o'clock we took in sail  
took in all but fore reef main top sail fore  
sail fore and main top mast stay sail and hove  
her too the wind does not blow so hard this afternoon  
but a very heavy swell  
we held the hog to day we got on Board of the Elizabeth  
yesterday the E. took in sail last night before we did  
so she has been astern all day

June  
1st



Let fate do her worst there are relics of Joy  
Bright Dreams of the past which she cannot destroy

May 8<sup>th</sup> well Sunday has come along again and no whale yet at  
boats all motion I believe there is no ~~with~~ Whale on Tappan  
yet as there is six weeks of our season on Tappan gone  
and not a spoonfull of oil yet seventeen months out  
and only 700 lbs too bad but it cant be helped now  
our ship is miserable have to pump every four hours  
in good weather and most half of the time in bad  
we are running off to the N. <sup>W.</sup> for the Tappan Islands  
but I am jealous we shant doo much there for we must  
not stay there more than two or three weeks before we  
must go off to the S. and Eastward and by that time  
the wind will be ahead and we cant beat this Dan  
of old Hulk to Windward one bit I dont expect she  
will ever carry us home if we get any oil they will  
condemn her whenever we go in when there is any  
Carpenters We have had another hog to day one of  
our own raising and a fine fellow he was too  
There is thousands of Alewife and ship Larks all around  
us to day I was to the mast head about half an  
hour ago and there was a school of them of near half  
of an acre about 6 or 8 rods from the ship they got  
another school of small fish in the centre of them  
and there they was devouring them the water was  
white as a sheet when they was jumping at the  
poor little Devils in we lowered our Boats yesterday  
for a large Whale and rowed about four miles but  
he shut the door and that was the last we saw of  
him

11<sup>th</sup> we got in sight of Tatsifema yesterday morning got up  
with it about four o'clock in the afternoon its a rugged  
rough country but the handsomest laid out plantations  
on it I ever saw the Geographia gives a very correct



And which come in the night time of sorrow and Fear  
To bring back the features that Loy used to wear

(13)

account of their manner of cultivating the soil the Island  
is nothing but a steep mountain they level down a small  
space and then have steps to go up to another so that one  
field or piece is above the other they are so for twenty  
or thirty pieces together laid out as regular and square  
on the side of the mountain as the steps of a stair case  
we shant land for they dont allow any nation but the  
Dutch and Portuguese to trade with them

we have seen no whale here yet and it is a gale of  
wind to day so I dont want to see any

I expect in the course of two or three days we shall be ready  
to go back again where we come from without one drop of  
oil, the old man keeps me making chests and trunks  
all the time when its my watch on deck he has got  
the cobbins most full now and he keeps getting more  
boards every port he goes in too

12<sup>th</sup>

we have been off after four or five large Whales to day but  
was so rugged that we could not strike them the sea  
was running mountains high we got almost on  
top them twice but could not quite yesterday we  
had the heaviest gale of wind we have ever had on  
Joppam we had to take in the Larboard Waist Boat  
Its the monsoons I suppose that makes it so rugged  
Weather here I believe there is Whale here if there is ever  
any good Weather here

Sunday  
15<sup>th</sup>

Sunday again and no whale yet its very good weather  
if we could only come across some of them  
if we dont get some before next Sunday I shall think  
we are not going to get any we are going back  
now where we come from we went within a few  
miles of the famous City of Seid. I suppose the largest  
City in the world



Some People are pestered in different ways

20th

Been chasing whole again most all day for nothing  
we have not seen a whale too the Seward of the ship  
I don't know when and we might as well try to  
throw straws against the wind as to Beat this Land  
old leaky hulk to the windward We have not  
got the sun for seven days it has rained constant  
ever since last Sunday we have not kept any  
most heads since Sunday morning till this  
morning we had not been up above an  
hour before we caught a school I am skinning  
what time I can get below now but I have so  
much to do for the rest of the crew that I cannot do  
much for myself

22nd

Sunday again and no whale yet I gave them up almost It  
has rained the whole week steady and I don't know as it is  
ever going to stop

4 or 5 they are catching blubber core like every thing we have  
caught Well we have had hell to pay I was writing along very  
moderate and there was a devil of a flutter on deck  
there was a man over board I ran up and there was  
not a man on board that knew which end was up  
he was out on the sprit sail you there was Gibson  
one of the boys had just caught a long blubber core  
and he could not manage it so the one that fell  
and another one went out to help him the rope  
snapped they stood upon and one of them fell over  
board the other two caught him he was a pretty good  
swimmer so he caught in the fore chains and we  
saved him I suppose the ship was going about five  
miles we have the ship two or three as possible  
we have caught about 20 I suppose they will  
weigh 50 lbs apiece caught them in about  
half an hour



(15)

From the Crown of their head to their toes

And 29 We have been at it all the afternoon Chasing the Dead  
Whale but they were too numble for us. If we had only a small  
Share of what we have seen this afternoon we would be  
ready to start home but we could not so much as get  
one we got within the length of the Boat of them Seven  
times but could not strike It was very rough Indeed  
too rough to Whale but we have had luck we thought we  
would try it if it had been good weather we should  
have got 200 lbs I dare say yesterday we got a large  
Black fish almost as large as some of the Whale we  
have caught Its the first we have caught the voyage  
It rains almost all the time but the moon changes to morrow  
and I am in hopes to have better weather

We have laid a pay to Day

Both Last night we had a heavy gale of Wind from the S.E.  
But it died away Towards morning and we have  
had it entirely Calm to day there was a ship in  
sight this morning at day light about seven or eight  
miles off on our Starboard Bow and she has been  
about so ever since there has been a heavy sea going  
all day and we have been Rolling and pitching  
Dreadfully at we raised a whale about four o'clock this  
afternoon went off with two Boats but he shut  
the door before we got up with him We have  
been Repairing sails most all the time when it was  
weather this week past

July 5

Quite a Bury Day to Day We Raised a whale this forenoon  
at ten o'clock we lowered our Boats and at one o'clock we had  
an old soghead along side and at six o'clock we had him  
in the Plubber Room the which I call pretty smart  
work we had our jalls to get up and reeve In  
the Bargain Its the largest we have caught the voyage



I too have a share amongst all the mole  
And the fact it is simply my nose

I should say he would make Ninety lbs by the looks  
of him we struck him with our Boat and the Boat  
Steerer hit him with his Iron

6th I Believe we shall loose our Whale now. Its Blowing  
a heavy gale of wind there has considerable of it  
gone over Board already and one of the crew Mr. Blanchard  
had like to have gone with it we have been shifting  
Sails most of the afternoon to try to get the Dred  
up Haul to lie somehow but we cant we have  
got nothing on her now but Mizzen Stay Sail and  
Close reef Sparker and she lies now right in the  
trough of the sea and rolls dreadfully  
the decks are full of cask some full of Oil and  
Some full of Blubber one side is entirely full  
and the other we can scarcely get forward

7th Rather Better weather so that we have got to trying  
again But there is a heavy sea yet

We kept the 4th of July pretty slim we only had  
two Drinks of grog one at 12 O and another in  
the Evening we Danc'd considerable and fired  
Some Cannon and kill'd a hog

8th have been off Chasing a large Whale again to Day he  
Drook water Close by the Ship not more than twenty Faths  
from us we lowered our Boat and Mr. Hildreth, Mr. Reeves  
line was not coild so he could not lower and our  
Boat Tackle got foul so that Mr. Hildreth got ahead  
of us so we lost the Whale his Boat Steerer got one of  
his Irons foul and the other did not fasten so away she  
went they have just been Dauling out Sail ho

11th Well I have just got Down by Lamp light to meet Down  
a little Thursday we got another old sag-head we have  
got him treed out he makes Eighty lbs we began



Only guess at it (11)  
We know not what a Day may bring forth

Breaking out this afternoon and about 5 or 6 we raised them  
all around us we lowered our Boats But it was  
too high night we did not strike  
there was two ships in sight to Day we see ships  
Every Day but we have not spoke any this some  
time I expect we shall get one to morrow with  
-out Doubt I will turn in and dream about  
them for I have not had much chance to Sleep  
this week past

Sund  
12th

I am here loaded again by Camp Light for I can  
get no other time We have stowed down about  
150 lbs of Oil to Day and have taken two large  
Whale along side that will make 150 more to  
Day its what I call a good Days work if we  
get them tried out without trouble they do not  
live long after we get along side of them  
It does not look much like Sunday here  
With us all Days seem alike

15th

have got a few minutes before again in the Day time  
got our two last whale most tried out as ready for another  
We have seen plenty of them those three Days past but  
did not want any — we were rather unfortunate  
with our last whale we could not get them quite  
cut in in one day so we had to let the Cases lie  
till the next day so we lost one would have made  
about 12 or 15 lbs but we will save about 130 so we  
will do

Sund  
19

We got another whale Thursday which made 50 lbs  
it was the first school of large Whale I ever saw  
there was about a Dozen of them Mr Belketh  
& Mr Reeves both fastened But did not kill  
any we killed two with our Boat that we did



my large more and long more thereby hangs a tale  
a Doll on you well may suppose

not get we did not care about more than one  
we have been off again to Day after one that I was  
almost sure of Before we lowered he was so hand,  
But the Boat Steerer miss'd him Just Striked him  
so he would not let us strike him any more  
We have got all our oil stored Down 172 lbs  
the last three and are ready for another which I  
expect we shall take to morrow

21<sup>st</sup> We have seen whale enough to Day to have loaded our  
Ship But it is so Rugged we Dare not Lower  
Its a pretty stiff gale of wind - we have Just spoke  
the Genus Coffin of Nantucket with 800 lbs  
I Expect their Boat will be on Board here in a  
few minutes

24<sup>th</sup> A heavy gale of wind to Day seen no whale since  
Tuesday I am afraid we have got off the ground  
we have sent down our main top Gallant yard  
and taken in the Larboard & Mast Boat  
the Genus Coffin is about 5 miles ahead of  
us Lying too the same as we are  
We have news by him of a Nantucket Ships Crew  
Being massacred on the line a little Distance  
from where we was last winter there is two  
fellows on Board of her from N York that fetch  
us some news about the Theater Bowery  
being burnt two Whale Ships they say fitting  
out of N Y &c

Sunday  
26<sup>th</sup>

The Weather is rather better to Day but it is very rugged for  
our business yet Its been as long since we got the  
the last Whale as we was getting 325 lbs the last  
we got and if it had been good weather I expect we  
should have had as much more we have had a very



But I'm pestered you'll find in a very bad way  
For I've a Boil on the tip of my nose

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Severe gale of wind those two Days past as we have  
had Since we came out we took the two Carboard Boats  
in and we ~~told the~~ ~~carboard~~ I told the Starboard one in.  
So that she pretty much filed several times.

30th Miserable weather for trying it has been raining ever  
Since last night

Tuesday the 28th we Discovered a Whale to the Seward  
We thought she acted very Curious she did not seem to  
go down at all Regular as other Spum Whale does.  
We did not know whether to go after it thought it could  
not be a Spum Whale but it showed so much like  
one we thought we would try him so we lowered  
and went too him struck him and kild him and  
he never sported Blood at all sported Clear till he  
Died nor he never struck with his flukes kept going  
Just his old course till he Died Did not seem to mind  
us any we took him along Side and Cutting him  
in we found three Strange Irons and one lance in  
him marked M. W. So we concluded the man  
Mitchel had struck him the Day before we had him  
cut in by 12 we about 100 there was a ship here in  
sight to the Seward so we put up our helm and ran  
Down for him before we got too him we saw he was  
Whaling and Directly we saw the whole his Boats had  
been chasing them these hours at sun set the school  
came up with us we lowered our Boats and kild one  
of them in about ten minutes he was so nigh the ship  
we might have thrown an Iron into him from the ship  
when we was killing him so we got two and then  
poor fellows got none that Day I suppose the first will  
make 30 Bils and the last 30 so there is another  
hundred we did not get nigh enough to speak the ship  
and that night she shore out and left us



You will say that I'm Crazy or foolish or odd.

Or at least you'd attempt to suppose

5<sup>th</sup> August 2<sup>nd</sup> We spoke the Mary Mitchel Friday and went on Board in the afternoon and stayed till Evening we found that she struck the whale that we got last at night the Day before. She was very ugly and stove one of her Boats so they were oblig'd to cut from her they have got about 300 Bbls since they come out from Guam & we stayed three weeks longer than they did and we have got above 400 they only got 80 Bbls the last month and we got all of ours the last month.

6<sup>th</sup> we raised a whale yesterday in the afternoon and chased her till night with both ships and six Boats But could not catch her. If we had been alone I dare say we should have got her - we have just got done stowing down. It was so bad weather that we lost a great deal trying they both only made about 85 Bbls the M. M. is out of sight this morning and I hope she will keep so we can get along without the help of any ship at present. We have the damdest hard luck I ever believe that ever any poor Dicks ever had we have had above a week of as good weather as ever blow'd and have not got one Spoonfull of oil we have just now proc'd a carcass and yesterday we proc'd another both of them their Sacks taken off we have got too far to the Northward and we cant get too the Southward.

8<sup>th</sup> We spoke the Corsair of London yesterday She was trying a Ninety Bbl Whale She has seen no end of large Whale for three or four Days past Struck two Day before yesterday and parted their Lines She has 1800 Bbls on Board 21 months out I think we must see whale to Day if we dont get any.

8<sup>th</sup> 4.00 We have just spoke the Cyrus of Nantucket with 600 Bbl Eleven months out they have seen plenty of Whale three four or 5 Days past She has just got through stowing down



That I'll set myself up in the song making way  
When I ought to set down with my nose

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- 9<sup>th</sup> Just after we spoke the Cyrus yesterday the Corsair ran down  
to us and both the Capt<sup>ns</sup> come on Board of our ship and  
spent the Evening the Cyrus left us last night  
But the Corsair stayed close by us till this morning  
when she started about N.W. and we steered North  
they have just backed their main topsail and set  
a signal for us so he must have whale  
He are now searching for him  
They have just now discovered their Boats off  
10<sup>th</sup> 4 or 5 and no whale yet good weather as ever before  
we passed the Corsair this morning she had just  
got her whale out in it was a very large one  
we likewise passed the Elizabeth But did not  
speak her we are now Bound to the South  
in 30° 18 North Latitude True East by South
- 13<sup>th</sup> A fine gale of wind although it blows rather too hard I  
have pretty much give up the hope of getting any more  
oil its such Damd Bad weather and when it is good  
weather we cant see no whale we saw one yesterday morning  
But it was blowing a gale of wind and we only saw  
him one rising or so we should have try'd him  
we have seen no ships then three days before that we used  
to see of about four every day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Heavy weather yet and no fish there is a sail just hove in  
sight the first we have seen in two or three days  
we shall have to leave before pretty soon for we are  
going to be short of water
- 15<sup>th</sup> Fish enough to day But Damd bad weather there is two just  
ahead of us gone down I expect we shall loose for them  
the next rising I had most as well go without them  
for it is blowing a gale of wind and very heavy sea



Remember yourself spare the Shame of your friend  
Nor carry your wit to excess

We have just spoke the Orphley of London I should not understand what Success she has had she told us of a number of Ships with various Success that she had spoken amongst the rest was the Mabella of Sag Harbour with sixteen hundred Bbls not a great while since if that is the case she has not done much this season as well as we

16<sup>th</sup> There is a ship to the Leeward of us all day  
Sunday I expect it is the Orphley although she was out of sight all the afternoon yesterday and standing a different Course but we took ship at night — There has been Whales blowing most all day but we don't know what to make of them whether they are sperm Whales or Finbacks we have not got very nigh any of them — We did not lower our Boats yesterday although there was plenty of whale — It still continues very rugged though not so bad as it was yesterday

17<sup>th</sup> I never was so tired in my Life we have rowed I suppose forty miles Dead to Windward after the Devil this afternoon and could not catch him neither we rowed for four evenings as hard as we could spring and those large <sup>Whale</sup> stay Down an hour almost regular as the clock we were out of sight <sup>from</sup> of the Ship more than two hours

20<sup>th</sup> We have had rather better Luck to Day than we had yesterday we raised a Whale at 12 o'clock right ahead four miles off Bore to the Leeward about as fast as that yesterday was to the Windward we got Dinner and about half past 12 o'clock we



With the Spirit the cause of the absent Deference (23)  
And sink not your arm from Distress

Lowered the two of our Boats and gave chase the  
Second note came up with her and hid her with  
any trouble before either the other Boats got too him  
we had him stowed away in the Blubber Room  
all but his head. Before Supper I guess he will make  
40 lbs — about two hours before we saw  
this one we saw a large Dead whale to the  
Leeward but it was Blasted so we did not go  
near him. If we could have got him about  
three Days ago it would have done ~~us~~ some  
good — we saw one last season the 23<sup>rd</sup> of  
this month pretty near the same place  
27<sup>th</sup> We have had the best Prospect to Day for getting Whale  
that we have had this season and I don't know but  
the voyage about 10 or there was ten thousand  
Whale all around us we lowered one and could not fetch  
they were so wild the weather was good enough  
although it was Squally they was all size big  
and little we have got our other two out not  
so large as we thought it only makes a little  
Better than 50 lbs  
28<sup>th</sup> and no fish I believe for us we saw one this afternoon  
once but he shut the Door and that's the last of him  
It's good weather enough We are running to the  
S and W before the wind to morrow is Sunday  
our lucky Day and I hope we shall get one  
or two  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday.  
We have made a fine Sunday of it been breaking out  
and storming down all Day we should have let it  
stove a fortnight if it had not been Sunday but  
they say here the better Day the better Deal  
no fish to Day Rais'd a ship just at Sun Set



What we have been - Why farewell

What we might be - We'll not think

We are now in Lat 31-30 Longitude 142-20 ~~Course~~  
Bound to the South and West with a fair wind  
They kill a hog to Day and Cook a part of it for  
the cobbler the rest of it hangs up under the  
Boat that is over head to Cook when they  
want It we dont get any of It

We expected to have found about twelve or fourteen  
Bbls of Water where we picked out yesterday but  
Instead of that we found more

24th Evening We have Just come from on Board of the  
Portsea of London the Capt of the Serang Betam  
of London was on Board we discovered Both  
Ships right ahead about 3 or 4 In the afternoon  
- the Portsea has 1300 bbls on Board 18 months  
out the Serang Betam has 2000-23 months  
out - the Portsea spoke a Ship not long since  
that saw a Boat's crew ~~on one~~ on one of the  
Islands to the south that said they belonged to  
the Ship Trabella that she had fled and gone  
down. But he said they were English as much  
as he could find out this Capt. saw there was  
no ship of that name sailed out of England  
we dont know what to make of It

26th fresh gale of wind to Day we saw Whale to Day one rising  
only or else we should have lowered It Blowed so  
heavy that we only had our main Top Sail Close  
reeft and fore topmast stay sail set we should  
not fortend I dont expect if we had lowered It  
So rugged if we had we should most likely got  
stove some of us - we have Just paid the  
Serang Betam again and the British Barque  
Princess Mary when Hail



Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>

What we shall be — who can tell  
Here we are and here will I drink

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31<sup>st</sup> We have been busy again Since Saturday we took three School  
Whale on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> and have got them tried out  
they <sup>make</sup> about 70 lbs we always have on If in the way If  
it had not been so rugged we should have got 6 or 8 of  
them but there was a very heavy swell we had a gale  
of wind two or three Days previous which occasioned it  
I suppose we got one to each Boat ours we killed with  
the Lion we could not get nigh enough to it to lance  
It after we had fastened — — —

we shall be edging off for the Islands now pretty  
shortly with a damned bad seasons work or I may say  
two of them If we dont get some more pretty  
shortly

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

a gale of wind to day we got our cyl stored down  
yesterday 71 Bbls Monday we chased a large Whale  
got so nigh to him that the Boat Stewer got up  
to Dont this Iren but he was to late the old  
fellow shut the Door to quick for him I expect  
he had seen Boats Before we killed the hog  
to day that we got as a present in Deyher  
It has been sick and poorer than Death ever  
since we got It there was But two or three  
eat any of it it was full of measles there  
was nobody ate any of It in the cabin But  
the old woman

Sunday

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>

We have had the Devils our time these two Days past  
had the hardest gale of wind we have had since we  
come out by Bobs the heaviest sea going our Doves for  
our Boats are about five feet above the Rail we  
carried them under all out of sight several  
times If we had got the whole we saw on Monday  
we could not save it we stove our Bullworks



If a mortal would point out that Life  
That on earth could be nearest to heaven

In from the gangway Clean Forward on the Starboard  
Side Split our Stay Sails all to pieces so that  
we took in every peg of sail and lay too under  
Bare Poles Sent Down our Top Gallant yards  
and fore and mizen topgallant masts  
But It is tolerable good weather to Day & that  
we could whale—we are Bound off for the  
Islands With a free wind Course N. E. Latitude  
29° 34 Longitude about 150.00

yesterday morning there was one of the after  
quarters of the hog that we held ourselves hung  
up under the Boat it had got tainted so one  
of the Boat Steerers cut it down and threw it  
over Board This morning there was a large Shark  
Cruising around the Ship one of the Boat Steerers  
threw his Line into it and we hauled him on  
Board cut him open and found our quarters of  
Pork and a large Ship Pack in him

8th

five times again we have taken another large Whale  
along side this afternoon. It resembles one that  
we took 12 months ago to Day very much  
that was the largest we have taken the voyage  
and I think this is larger than that. It was fine  
flesh taken of him we only went off with two  
Boats the other one we had. Just before sailing  
and painting so we took the Second mate in  
our Boat instead of the Cox. we went off and  
one Hutter's Boat fastened and Bored his line  
Before we could get fast and we gave her  
up pretty much but Directly She came up again  
and he got up to her ~~again~~ and fastened again  
and Lane's her set her to Spouting Blood



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